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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of Provisional Application No. 60/222,610 filed on August 2, 2000.

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For: **SYSTEM FOR MULTIPLE STERILE SAMPLE COLLECTION AND ISOLATION**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of thirty-six (36) pages
- ☒ Ten (10) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☐ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- ☒ Executed Declaration (☐ Original ☒ Photocopy)
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)

- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
- ☐ Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- ☐ Other:
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--This application claims priority on provisional Application No. 60/222,610 filed on **August 2, 2000**, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

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